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Dear Mr. Jones:

This is in reply to your letter re: NCCOD-P dated May 12, 1975, pertaining to a permit application by the U. S. Steel Corporation for dredging at Gary Harbor and South Works, North and South Slips.

Your request for our comments on the use of U.S. Steel Corporation laboratory to perform the analyses of the dredged materials in accordance with NPDES standards are as follows:

We have no objection provided the applicant adheres to Public Law 92-500, sec. 304(g). If the Section 304(g) guidelines do not specify test procedures for any pollutants required to be monitored by this permit and until such guidelines are promulgated, sampling and analytical methods used to meet the monitoring requirements specified in this permit shall, unless otherwise specified by the Regional Administrator, conform to the latest edition of one or more of the following references:

- a. Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Mastewater, 13th Edition, 1971, American Public Health Association, New York, New York 10019.
- b. A.S.T.M. Standards, Part 23, Water; Atmospheric Analysis 1972, American Society for Testing Materials, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.
- c. Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes,
 April 1971, Environmental Protection Agency Water
 Quality Office, Analytical Quality Control Laboratory,
 NERC, Cincinnati, Ohio 45268.

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